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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tri M. Mai

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.                                      |
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1. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Parker (3946903) or Tracey (3155281) or Norwood (5209372). Parker teaches a bottle having a sidewall formed with helical pleat as claimed.

2. Claims 4, 6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over anyone of Parker, Tracey, or Norwood. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the thickness as claimed to provide the desired thickness for the container.

Regarding claim 7, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the pitch as claimed to provide the desired angle for the helical pleat.

Regarding claim 8, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the distance as claimed to provide the desired size for the pleat.

3. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bueno (5704504). Bueno teaches a bottle having a helical pleat and at least one planar section extending substantially from the bottom wall to the top wall as claimed.

4. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Serkes et al. (5010013) in view of Bueno (5704504). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the ribs in Serkes extending diagonally to provide an alternative ribs for added reinforcement.

Regarding claim 4, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the thickness as claimed to provide the desired thickness for the container.

Regarding claim 7, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the pitch as claimed to provide the desired angle for the helical pleat.

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Regarding claim 8, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the distance as claimed to provide the desired size for the pleat.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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